

CHRIST KING

LET US ADORE CHRIST THE KING OF KINGS

CATHOLIC PARISH

Homily for March 25th 2020

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Homily

In nine months we celebrate Christmas. The feast day of the Annunciation, actually established prior to the date of Christmas-and giving it its date, is the great feast of hope and promise, and a great reminder. Because of its date it will almost always, with a few exceptions, fall in the middle of Lent. And right in the middle of Lent, there is a day that the Church offers a Gloria. We don't even do that on Sundays in Lent. But today is a special day. Today is the day that we celebrate the angel coming to Mary, asking her to bear God's Son, and her saying 'yes'. It is the day of Christ's conception. The day when God's 'yes', receives a human response of 'yes.' All of the patience of God, all the faith of the Old Testament- the constant back and forth- is brought to fulfillment today.

God didn't just reach out once, but is always reaching out, always seeking us, always calling us to life with Him and awaiting our response. We shouldn't hold back. We should trust our cares to Him, offer our joys to Him. Let Him know how much we love Him, and let that seep into our lives. What is God calling me to do, right now, quarantined as I am?

I called today a great reminder and so it is. We need to be reminded that viruses will end. That babies born in 2020 will need to have it explained to them how unusual things were this year. Like a forest coming back from a fire, it may emerge slowly, but it will emerge. The prophets and faithful of the Old Testament had no idea when a savior would come, and probably would never have guessed lowly Mary would be His mother. Yet, hope and salvation emerge in God's time and according to His plan. As the saints say, pray, hope, and don't worry. God is still saying 'yes' to us.

Prayer (from today's Collect Prayer)

O God, who willed that your Word should take on the reality of human flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary, grant, we pray, that we, who confess our Redeemer to be God and man, may merit to become partakers even in his divine nature. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Remember to Hope in God's 'Yes'